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PREFACE.

Some one will ask me, why have you written this in English. In truth, I myself do not know. I did so without premeditation, driven instinctively by the gratitude which I owe to the English publishers and patrons of my Hebrew New Testament.

And should one ask, what is the aim of these pages, I answer: firstly, they will afford a glimpse into the work, of which the Hebrew N. T. is the fruit. Secondly, they show what instructive results have proceeded therefrom for Hebrew grammar, especially syntax.

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In a forgotten book, entitled Wissenschaft, Kunst, Judenthum, I issued in the year 1838 St. Paul's hymn on love 1 Cor. XIII, translated into Hebrew, as a specimen of a new Hebrew version of the New Testament. After laborious and expensive preparations, which were aided chiefly by the Bayarian and Norwegian brethren, I published in 1870 as a larger specimen of the work the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. Many years I sought for a publisher of the whole, who would take upon himself the expense of publishing and provide for its circulation. At last the British and Foreign Bible Society lent me its helpful hand, and having obtained such a powerful and generous protection, the new translation went through the press and forthwith enjoyed God's wonderful blessing. It was completed in the spring of 1877. The text, followed there, is substantially that of the Sinaitic codex, with the principal variations of the Textus Receptus in brackets. But I soon felt, that a text formed by myself alone could not be exempt from individual arbitrariness, and that it was more natural to base the translation on the Receptus and to supplement it with critical remarks. After half a year a second edition became necessary, which I based on these principles; it bears the date of 1878. Only two years later, in 1880, a third edition appeared, in a larger form. Even the copies of this third were quickly exhausted, and already in October of the same year I prepared at Berlin with my never to be forgotten friend, the late Rev. Palmer Davies, a fourth electrotyped edition. had now to be definitively settled and the work demanded redoubled care. I revised it a third time and was successfully aided by the

Rev. S. R. Driver, now Pusey's successor as Professor of Hebrew at Oxford. Each of these editions represents, as I hope, a new degree of approximation to the ideal, which even in the fourth electrotyped edition of 1882 is still not attained. Therefore I was agreeably surprised, when Mr. James Watt, the successor of the late Davies. informed me, that the 5000 copies of the fourth edition were sold without any remaining. In truth, God has abundantly blessed our work. Far from priding myself, I acknowledge on the contrary the merits of my fellow-labourers, among whom are also not a small number of Jewish friends. We have cause to say, that our new translation has contributed somewhat to bring the New Testament nearer to the Jews as a prominent work of their literature. In a letter to Dr Rahmer at Magdeburg I declared the New Testament to be the highest work that the Jewish genius has produced. He remarks in his *Literaturblatt* (1879 No 9), that this statement is relatively true, and Dr Immanuel Deutsch in his review there owns, that form and matter, contents and dress, are productions of the Hebrew spirit and of Hebrew intuition.

In the revision of the text for the fifth edition I thought myself at first restricted to slight emendations in the plates, but when I was in Berlin and Messrs. Watt and Sharp heard that I should like to make some more material corrections, they proposed it to the Committee and Rev. W^m Wright wrote me, March 6.: "The Committee are much pleased to hear of the pains you are taking to make the fifth edition as perfect as possible, and they very cordially sanction any necessary outlay in the completion of the plates".

Consequently the fifth edition is revised more than superficially. I pass over in silence all the corrections concerning unavoidable typographical faults, as disfigurement of letters or defects as to vowels and signs, and I give only an account of the grammatical and stilistic emendations, by which, as I hope, this edition differs advantageously from the former.

Matth. IX. 21 בּי אָּמְרָה בְּקרְבָּה for she said within herself. Changed to כר אמרח בְּלְבָּה because אמר בקרב is without support in the biblical Hebrew. I may here remark once for all, that in

- Matth. XI. 5. בְּתְבְּשִׁרֵי וְשׁלְּבָּה בְּתְבּ מְבְשִּׁרֵי מְבִּשְּׁרֵי and the poor have the gospel preached to them. I have corrected מְתְבַּשִּׁרֵי (as in the translation of Luk. VII. 22), because the biblical Hebrew employs not the Pual but the Hithpaël in this passive sense of εὐαγγελίζεσθαι, see 2 Sam. XVIII. 31.
- Matth. XI. 7 בְּלְבֵּה לְּבָבּר לְהָשׁם וְרֵשׁׁרֵע הַחָּלֹל לְבָבֵּר as they departed Jesus began to say. I thought for some time to prefer יַרְיִּדִּר But the syntactic scheme of temporal coincidence like 1 Sam. IX. 11. 1 Kings XIV. 17 al. is here in the right place, for as soon as the messengers of John went away Jesus began to vindicate before the people the honour of the Baptist. Together with the synchronistic construction I retained also the ethic dative בְּהָב מִּבְּה (in French: il s'en est allé). Instances of the plural of the ethic dative of the 3. pers. are Ps. LXVI. 7. LXXX. 7, but not Job VI. 19 (Müller-Robertson's Hebrew Syntax § 51. 3); there בּבּר יוֹדְיִּב בּר יוֹדְיִּב בּר יוֹדְּב בָּר בּר יוֹדְיִב בּר יוֹדְיִב בּר יוֹדְּב בּר יוֹדְיִב בּר יוֹדְּב בְּרַ בַּר יִּבְּיִיִּב בְּרָ בַּרְ בַּרְ בַּרְ בַּר בְּרִי בַּרְ בְּרָ בְּיִבְּי בְּרָ בְּרָ בְּיִבְּ בְּרָ בְּרָ בְּיִבְּי בְּיִבְּי בְּיִבְּי בְּיִבְּי בְּיִבְּי בְּיִבְּי בְּיִי בְּיִי בְּיִי בְּיִבְּי בְּיִי בְּיִבְּי בְּיִי בְּיִבְּי בְּיִי בְּיִי בְּיִי בְּיִי בְּיִבְּי בְּיִי בְּיִי בְיִי בְּיִי בְיִי בְּיִי בְ
- Matth. XI. 18 לְשׁׁבּׁר הוֹ he has a devil. I have preferred שֵׁר מּ devil (demon) is in him, for שׁר makes the impression of an emphasis, which is foreign to the original.

- Matth. XVI. 24 אָרֹשׁ אָּפֹר־יַרְקֹפֹּץ if any man will. The revised text has אָרֹשׁ בָּּרֹשׁ בָּר like Lev. XXVII. 2. It sounds more biblical.
- Matth. XVII. 5 אַלְּבְּיל. The reader will refer that to God: and he said like Ezek. II. 1. But the meaning is that the heavenly voice said. Therefore now is written אַבָּיג. At the same time I have remodelled the following verse.
- Matth. XVII. 6 יְבְשְׁמֹעֵ זֹאֹת הַתּלְמִידִים נְפְּלֹּה And when the disciples heard it, they fell.. This construction follows the pattern of the Chronicler 2 Chr. XV. 8. But the stress lies there upon רַּבְּבֵּה here upon בּהַבְּכִיים נִיפְלּה the more classical construction וַיְרָהָר בְּשְׁמֹצֵ הַהַּלְּהִיִים וַיִּפְלֹּה Consequently the expression of the object by את זאת or זאת could be dispensed with just as in the original text. 1
- Matth. XVII. 11 אָרָּבֶּר, rather הַבָּיִר, which more clearly hints that it must be explained: Elias shall first come. Indeed הוא corresponds better to the Greek שְבָּי, but it is of more importance that by הוא the following בא is better characterised as participle according to the בֿאַ בּאַבּים of the original text.
- Matth. XVII. 20 בְּלֵלְ כֵּאׁ הָאֶבְיּהְהָם. The Elzevirian text has διὰ τὴν ἀπιστίαν ὑμῶν because of your unbelief. The Hebrew of the 4th edition, taken from Num. XX. 12, will be understood historically: because you have not believed. Therefore I have substituted בַּפְּנֵרְ אֲיֵׁר אֵדְּכָם מַאֲמִרּנִים
- Matth. XX. 6 בְּשְׁרֵה שֶׁלֶה about the eleventh hour. The expression corresponds to that used in the computation of years Ezek. XXX. 20. XXVI. 1. Jer. XXXIX. 2, and months Deut. I. 3; ייים ייים in this case is accusative of determination, see Müller-Robertson's Hebren Syntax § 100 comp. 44. But in statements of the hours the construction בְּשְׁרֵח שְּׁתָח בְּשִׁרֵח Jer. LII. 29. Est. III. 7 seemed in v. 6 as well as in v. 9 preferable. After

¹⁾ Prof. Driver wrote me: "I find very few instances (Josh. XXII. 24. Jer. IX. 11. Ps. XCII. 7) of אמדידאם after ממנ etc., indeed none at all in a large part of the historical books: where there is not some distinct emphasis on the ταῦτα etc., might אם perhaps be omitted? or even sometimes אחדיאים altogether?" The passage remodelled above is of this latter sort.

- Matth. XX. 10 לְּלֵבְּׁבּוּ they supposed. I have added בּוְּלְבּּׁבּוּ as more conformable to the narrative. In the speech XXIV. 44 הָּבָּּיוּ to imagine' needs no addition.
- Matth. XX. 34 הְּבְּרְאֹם רָאוֹי and immediately their eyes received sight. That הָאוֹ does not express exactly the force of the Greek מֹעפּׁהְאֹפִי our revised text substitutes. וּפִראִם חַחֲבּלּוּ עֵּרְנֵיהֶם לָּרָאוֹיף.
- Matth. XXI. 1 של־בוּר unto the mount of Olives. The Elzevirian text shows πρός (not εἰς); I have now expressed it by אַגֶּל, yet without changing Mark. XI. 1. Luk. XIX. 29. where אַ stands still unaltered. The preposition אַבוּל does not exclude the site of the village on the slope of the mountain.
- Matth. XXIV. 43 יְצֶּתְר וֹאָת לְכֶם אֲשֶׁר לוּדְיָדְעַ יְדָע but know this, that if . . had known. The biblical usage exhibits הַע לָהָ Job V. 27., but not רצר לכם (comp. above on Matth. XI. 7). For this reason I have chosen to write אשר לוּדְרָיָב without the inf. intensivus, for the Greek text has simple ɛl ຈິດຣະເ.
- Matth. XXVII. 46 אֶלָּהִי אֵלָּהִי . Changed into אָלָּהִי אָלָה, because אֹלוֹ of the Receptus is here as well authenticated as צֿאָשׁוֹ בּאׁשׁוֹ of the same Mark. XV. 34.
- Matth. XXVII. 51 בְּבֶּלָה from the top. The biblical idioth knows only בְּבֶּלָה above and בִּלְבֶּלָה from above. Thus I have corrected.
- Mark. VII. 3 אָבְּרְּרְ with the fist. I have removed this translation of the Erasmian and Elzevirian reading πυγμη, t because it is

¹⁾ Erasmus in his editions has in the Greek text $\pi \sigma \eta \mu \bar{\eta}$, in the Latin version *crebro* like the Vulgate (after the reading $\pi \sigma \nu \nu \sigma$), whence Tyndale *often*, Luther *manchmal*. Westcott and Hort acknowledge $\pi \sigma \gamma \mu \bar{\eta}$ as the original reading, which, owing to its obscurity, has been variously altered and translated.

incompatible with the Jewish rite of washing the hands. I thought for a moment, that πυγμῆ might correspond to the rabbinical אַבֶּר (Chullin 107a), which excludes the use of aqueduct-water and requires the application of manly strength. But at last it seemed to me more probable, that the Greek writer of the gospel had in mind בּבִּרבּיבְּיִבֶּעְ as far as the wrist, a phrase common in the statutes of hand-washing. If that expresses the true sense, πυγμή indicates the whole hand from the fingers' end to the lower end of the fore-arm.¹ The text, thus translated, accords with the law, while the former translation בּבִּרבִּיבְּעַבְּעַ was senseless and offensive.

Mark. VII. 4 במית and of couches. Statutes, concerning the washing of beds (κλινῶν), are unknown. I have now put this דימטות into round brackets, which indicate what the Revised English Version says in the margin: "Many ancient authorities add and couches". The addition is wanting in the Vaticanus and Sinaiticus.

Mark. XII. 38 בְּלֵּהְ מְשְׁלּוֹהְת and salutations. Here after the Makkeph מְשְׁבּלוֹה (comp. הַבְּכוֹת Eccl. II. 6) or שָׁבְּלוֹה (comp. the forms Job VI. 8. Ps. CVI. 15) in the 4th edition had fallen out, it is now inserted in conformity with Matth. XXIII. 7. Luk. XI. 43.

Mark. XIII. 12 and children shall rise up אֶל־אָבוֹּלְם. I have now preferred באבותם conformably to the fundamental passage Micah VII. 6 compare Sota IX. 15.

Luk. X, 28 לְחָלֶה and thou shall live. This form with Segol in pausa is received by Baer Prov. IV. 4. VII. 2., but most

¹⁾ The terminus ad quem which is defined by אם סול of the Mischna Jadajim II. 3 is already controverted in the Gemara. Maimonides in Hilchoth Berachoth VI. § 4 repeats the formula without explanation. There are interpreters, who understand יהור לכף חדר לכף חדר that is, the place where the fingers are joined to the middle hand (metacarpus). But after the predominant interpretation of Alfâsi and others predominant interpretation of Alfâsi and others signifies אונה של אונה של הורים לכף חדר מקום חדר מקום חדר מקום חדר מקום חדר מקום חדר מקום היה אונה אונה אונה אונה של אונה אונה אונה של אונה של אונה אונה אונה של אונה של אונה של אונה של אונה של אונה אונה של או

- readers would think it a misprint, therefore I have written up with Zere like Gen. XX. 7.
- John VIII. האר בעני און ארי אואר whom makest thou thyself?

 I have now preferred בְּחִי אַרְי אַרְי אַר הַשְּׁי as more intelligible.

 The former rendering followed the construction Is. XLII. 6.

 Comp. Jalkut Ezek. XXVIII. 2 where it is said to the king of Tyre: אחרה עושה עצטך אלוה.
- Act. II. אַ כּר שָׁעָה שְׁלְרִשׁרת לַיּרֹם it is the third hour of the day. I have preferred בּיּוֹם as more according to Ps. XC. 4b and to the usage of the Mishna e. gr. שְׁנִים בַּרוֹּטָי the second of the month, Sanhedrin V. 3. אָחָר בַּשִּׁבָּה the first day of the week, Taanith 27b.
- Act. IV. אַ בְּעָבֶּן לְאַ־יִרְבֶּה תַּדְּבֶּר וְיִפְּרֹץ בָּעָב that it spread no further among the people. I have transposed בָּיָם וְיִפְרֹץ, so that no one should think of the phrase בָּי ,to break into or ,to urge '.
- Act. VII. 58 הְּמְשִׁינוּר אָּמוּ־בְּנְרֵיהָם laid down their clothes.

 I have preferred the Kal אשׁים as more exactly the idiom of the Bible and Mishna 1 Sam. XIX. 24. Ezek. XLIV. 19. Joma III. 4. 6 and throughout; ששיבה signifies stripping off oneself, הששיבה (n. actionis of the Hiphil) stripping off another.
- Act. VIII. 18 אָלָהָ was given, in the Greek δίδοται. I have changed the participle into the 3. preter. בָּבָּה.
- Act. IX. או מְצְבֹר אַ to come to them. After אַליהָם the negative מַבְּבֹר seemed more significant. But the alteration is of questionable merit, and there was no need to depart from the type Judg. XVIII. 9.
- Act. XIV. 2 לֶּבֶּר הָאַרִים against the brethren. After הכבים without doubt the preposition של is better and quite intelligible. In the postbiblical literature בָּבֶּט בָּל is frequent for ,to be angry at one', e. gr. Aboda zara 54b.
- Act. XXI. 24 (23) אָלָּיִר לָּרֶר לֶּהֶם נֶּדֶר which have a vow on them. This לָּהֶם נֶּדֶר is the worst dativus ethicus which I had admitted; for everywhere ל after מלחים denotes the person to whom

- one makes the vow. The correct rendering, which indeed corresponds more closely to the Greek text, is אֲשֶׁר נֶּבֶּר מֶלֵּיהֶם (Num. XXX. 7. Ps. LVI. 13).
- Rom. V. אַבְּרֶלְנְיּ being justified. Instead of the Hophal, which is not biblical, I have put נְצִנְּקְנוּי after Dan. VIII. 14.
- Rom. VII. התוֹרָה הַלְּרֶר הַעְלֹרְרָר עַלְרֹיְדֵי הַתּוֹרָה which were stirred up through the law. The Nithpaël is unnecessary, הַּחְשׁררו signifies the same (Job XVII. 8).
- Rom. XI, 6 הַמַּלְשֶׂה מְּחָבֵּל לְּהְרוֹת מַלְשֶׁה work is no more work. A similar case is Act. IX. 38. The change מִקְרוֹת after 1 Kings XV. 21 was not necessary, but it agrees better with the later style (see the article הוה Kimchi's Lexicon) and with the aramaic type (מַלְמְהַרֵּרָ בַּעְרָהָרָרַ Gen. XVIII. 11 Targ.).
- 2 Cor. VII. בּדְבֶּר in this matter. I have added אַדְבָּר On the contrary I could not decide to change בְּדָבָר Matth. VIII, 16 into בִּדְבָּר, because the meaning of λόγφ is "only by virtue of a word", comp. Is. XXIX. 21.
- 2 Cor. VII. 12 אָרָאָה might appear. Changed into אָּהָה in congruity with φανερωθηναι.
- 2 Cor. VII. בּמְעָיוֹ עוֹד יוֹתֵר הָמוּ לֶכֶם and his inward offection is more abundant toward you. I think: וּבְיוֹתֵר is much better.
- 2 Cor. VIII. 3 יְרוֹתֵר צֵל־כֹּחָם and beyond their power. יִיֹתֵר says the same more plainly.
- 2 Cor. VIII. 22 פְּלָבִים הַרְבֵּה oftentimes. The biblical Hebrew says always במים רְבֵּוֹת now presented by the revised text.



- Gal. I. 14 לְּלֶבְּלוֹת אֲבוֹהְי of the traditions of my futhers. Having long disliked the form קַבְּלוֹת , I have now acknowledged it as alone regular, just as מְבָּנוֹת (dangers) 2 Cor. XI. 26.
- Gal. V. 1 לְּהַבָּקְשׁ be entangled. I have now preferred בּיִהְבָּקשׁ, as reminding of ביֹהְבָּקשׁ snare, although the one form is as free from objection as the other, comp. Deut. XII. 30 with VII. 25.
- Eph. I. 20 בְּהַלָּירוֹ מִן־הַמֵּתִים וַיּוֹשֶׁב when he raised him from the dead and set him . I regard now בְּהָצִיר אֹחוֹ מִן מוֹ as better and nearer the Greek.
- Eph. III. אַ הְּרֶכֶּיהְ הַּמַּפְלֵּאֵת דְּרֶכֶּיהְ the manifold (πολυποίχιλος) wisdom of God. The form מָּפְלֵּאִת to the Hiphil, is the form הַּבְּפַלִּאַת.
- Eph. III. 17 בְּשִׁרְשִׁים rooted. The biblical Hebrew uses in the sense of taking root the Poël Is. XL. 24 and in the sense of being rooted the Poal Jer. XII. 2., I have therefore substituted בּישׁׁרָשִׁים.
- Eph. V. 33 הְּיָהֵר לִּירֹא *let her see that she fear* . . The infinitive of יְרֹא Josh. XXII. 25, mostly לְּרָאָה, with כֹּרֹא 1 Sam. XVIII. 29., elsewhere always לִּרְאָה, but exclusively in reference to God. Consequently אַרָּרְאָה was inapplicable, בֹּרֹא would be too affected, לִּרֹא is without precedent, I escaped all difficulty by writing הִיָּהָר וְתִּירָא.
- Phil. II. בּרוֹר עַקְשׁ in the midst of a crooked . . nation. הוֹר instead of הוֹר (without article) was a misprint.
- Phil. II. 21 יְרְרְשׁׁלְּוֹיִ they seek. I have given up the emphatic form Is. LVIII. 2 and reestablished the regular form of the pause יְרְרְשׁׁלִּין (jidrôšu), which needs no strengthening.
- 1 Thess. II. 2 אַפּריבר we had suffered. The 1. pers. sing. is אַפּריִהִי Ps. CXIX. 71. Hence אַפּרינר seemed to be preferable, perhaps

- without sufficient ground, because the Chirek is protected by אַנְּיִנְיּ Is. LVIII. 3., see Böttcher, *Lehrbuch der Hebr. Sprache* II pag. 410.
- 1 Tim. VI. 20 הַלְּכִּיוֹת הַבְּּדֶּל חָכֹזֵב oppositions of science falsely so called. I have now written הְּלְּכִיוֹת adj. relat. from הְּבֹבֹשׁ inversion. The old Syriac version has here מְבֹבשׁל, the plural of מְבֹבשׁה.
- 2 Tim. I. 3 בּוֹרֶבֵי הָאָבוֹת ἀπὸ προγόνων. Changed into אֲבוֹתְד of my forefathers, for πρόγονοι means ancestors in the special sense of kindred.
- Hebr. IV. אוֹם לְּבֵרִינֵּלְ דְּבָרֵינִלְּלֹ בְּבְרֵינִלְּלֹ בְּבִרִינִלְּלֹ בְּבִרִינִלְּלֹ בְּבִרְינִלְּלֹ בִּבְרִינִלְּלֹ בְּבִרִינִלְּלֹ בִּבְרִינִלְּלֹ בִּבְרִינִלְּלֹ בִּבְרִינִלְּלֹ בִּרִינִלְּלֹ בִּרִינִלְּלֹ בִּרִינִלְּלֹ בִּרִינִּלְ בִּבְרִינִלְּלֹ בִּרִינוּ אוֹנִינְלְּלֹי אוֹם אוֹנִי אוֹנִינְלְּלִּלְּלִי אוֹנִינְלְּלֹי בִּרִים בְּעַלְּלִינִי בְּבְלִינִינְ בְּבִּרִינִי בְּבְלִינִי בְּבְרִינִי בְּבְּרִינִי בְּבְּרִינִי בְּבְּרִינִינְ בְּבִּרִינִּלְּלִּלְּלִּלְּלִּי בְּבִירִנְּלִּי בּבְירִנְּיבּּי בּבְירִינִּ בּבְּירִים בְּבְּלִיבְּיִבְּיבְּלְ בְּבְרִיכִּי בְּבְּרִיכִּי בְּבְּרִיכִּי בְּבְּרִיבְּיבְּלְ בְּבְרִיכּוּ בְּבְּלִיבְּיבְּל בְּבְרִיכּוּ בּבְּירִם בּבְּל בְּבִירִים בּבְּל בְבִירִים בּבְּל בְּבִירִים בּבְּל בְּבִירִים בּבְּל בְּבִירִים בּבְּל בְּבִירִים בּבְּל בְּבִירִים בּבְּל בְּבִירִם בּבְּל בְּבִירִם בּבְּל בְּבִירִים בּבְּל בְּבִיים בּבּל בּבִירִם בּבְּל בּבִיים בּבּל בּבִיים בּבּל בברים בּבִיבּי בּבְירִים בּבְּל בברים בּירִים בּבְּל בברים בּברים בּירִי בּבּים בּברים בּירִים בּבּרִים בּברים בּירִי בּיִבּי בּברים בּירִי בּבּרִים בּירִים בּירִי בּירִי בּירִי בּירִים בּירִים בּירִים בּירִים בּירִים בּירִים בּירִים בּירִים בּיבּים בּירִים בּירִּי בּיבּי בּיבּי בּירִים בּירִים בּירִים בּירִים בּירִים בּירִים בּירִים בּיבּי בּיבּים בּיבּים בּירִים בּיבּים בּירִים בּירִים בּיבּים בּירִים בּירִים בּיבּי בּיבּי בּיבּי בּיבּי בּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּי בּיבּים בּיבּי בּיבּי בּיבּי בּיבּי בּיבּים בּיבּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּים בּיבּים
- Hebr. IX. או בְּשַׁאַר שׁאָר to bear. Rather שָּׁאָה, because מַשְׁאַר is only in בְּשָׁאַה בָּשְׁאַה the usual form; without 's we read בָּשָּׁאַה, הָבְּשָׁאַה, הַבְּשָׁאַה אוֹי יִי

¹⁾ The Hebrew N. T. of the London Society has אַטֶּר בְּלָנוּ חַדְּבָּר That is literal, but suggests a false idea, as appears by comparison of 1 Kings II. 14. 2 Kings IX. 5. Judg. III. 20. The best interpretation. which is as much justified by the context as by the Greek use of language (see Cremer's Wörterbuch der neutest. Grücitüt pag. 502), is Calvin's: qui nobiscum agit vel cum quo nobis est negotium, accepted by Joseph B. M'Caul (in his Commentary 1871): ,,with whom we have to do". λόγος in this phrase signifies a judicial relation, having two sides; the meaning is that God is our judge and that we are responsible to him. Therefore I have rendered it by a forensic phrase of classical Hebrew.

- 1 Petr. IV. אל־וְלֶבֶּה אִּישׁׁ מְכֶּם כְּרֹצֵחְ But let none of you suffer as a murderer. The particles סר אל are scarcely to be found together, I have written בָּק אַל־ like Ex. VIII. 25.
- Revel. IX. אַשֶּׁר וְשִׁרְיֹנוֹתֵיהֶם having breastplates. The must be blotted out.
- Revel. XI. 18 নৃষ্ণু thy wrath. I have preferred নৃষ্ণু according to Ps. XXXVIII. 2. The Chirek arises in the pause by dissimilation: নৃষ্ণু Ps. CII. 11.

I have already said that the correct use of הגרש and אם was not possible without thinking of the Hebrew text as throughout accented. Constant care has been bestowed also upon מלא and מלא that is, plena or defectiva scriptio. The orthography of the text has been settled in such a manner that it may present an appearance similar to the text of the O. T., which e. g. exhibits חלרים, but always לוים and with only one exception שנבים. Instead of לאמיר only three times is written לאמיר. The active participle is more often written without ז than with it e. g. always לפל, דבר, לפל, משה and at least more frequently הבר, אבר אכל, אבר ; sometimes however the writing varies indifferently as בֹּרָם; בֹּרָם, בונים; בירעים, יודעים, רדעים . The infinitive of Kal follows the same orthography: לָאֵכוֹל is never found, שָׁמוֹדָ scarcely, almost always שָׁמוֹדָ Double in the same word as accurs sometimes, but predominantly the writing seeks to avoid it, so that e. g. שולות is found only twice. It is a rule to write מְצֵּוֹת, הַבְּּוֹת (comp. 2 Cor. VIII. 14 , and to write either הָּרֹלֹת or even בְּרֹלֹת not , not בְּרֹלֹת ... בִּרוֹלות

A serious error in the London translation was לָאֵלִּיִדִּים (to God) and אַאֶּלִיִּדִים (in God), which signify ,to the heathen gods' Ex. XXII. 19 and "among the gods" Ps. LXXXVIII. 7, instead of בַּאלֹיִדִים לָאלִיִּדִים which is the only form allowable. It is also worthy of note, that the O. T. Hebrew says לַאִּדֹרֶדִינּ לָּאַדֹרָיִדְנָּ לָאַדֹּרָיִדָּנָ, לָאַדֹּרָיִדָּנָ , but לַאַדְּרָדִינּ , לַאַדְּרָדִינּ , לַאַדְּרָדְינּ , לַאַדְרָיִדְנָּ , לַאַדְרָיִדְנָ .

As to the form יְּחָבְּיִה his gift Rom. V. 15. 1 Cor. VII. 7., I have queried till now, whether it has need of being altered into יְּחַבְּיִה or not. At last, I have resolved to retain יְּחָבָּה. Certainly the analogy of יְּחַבְּיִה הַשְּבְּיִה requires יִּבְּיִבְּיה, but along with the form מַּשְּבָּה a more aramaic form בְּחָבָה can be supposed, whence יִּבְּיִבָּה like הַתְּבָּה thy gifts Dan. V. 17.

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A great difficulty is occcasioned to the translator by the notion of doubting and its Greek expressions. The language of the Mishna offers peo and peon (Targ. peon) not of doubting persons 1, but of dubious things. This adjective was applicable in rendering μηδέν διαχρινόμενος James I. 6 by בַּבְלִּד מָפַּם, that is, indubitably, yet the following δ γὰρ διαχρινόμενος requires a verb which signifies the action of doubting, because proof would signify a man of dubious character, not a doubter. I have written מעל ספק a man who entertains doubts. In Matth. XXI. 21 if ye have faith and doubt not the translation אָם־הָּחָיֵה לָכֵם אַמּוּנַה וָאֵין־סָפֵּק בָּא would mean: if nothing dubious is in it, that is, if your faith is genuine. Also is useless, because the opinion that the biblical ἄπαξ γεγραμμένον אַפּינָה Ps. LXXXVIII. 16 signifies I am doubtful starts from the false supposition, that שון is derived from the particle a. Therefore I have ventured to use here the Reflexive peron as an equivalent of diaxpives at to doubt after the manner

¹⁾ The only passage of the old literature, where מְּשִׁלְּנָא has the sense of personal action, is Job XXXIV. 37 Trg.: מָּמַשִּׁלְ בִּינָנָא, which seems to signify: he excites doubts, he shakes the faith by doubts.

of the later Hebrew 1, the same verb, which Phil. IV. 11 renders after the Talmudic use the Greek αὐτάρκης εἶναι to be satisfied. In two passages pro was applicable, see Mark. XI. 23. Rom. XIV. 23; in four others, Rom. IV. 20. James II. 4. Matth. XIV. 31. XXVIII. 17 I have applied Hosea's pro their heart is divided (X. 2) and in two others the translation was easy, because there "without doubt" is the same as without tarrying Act. X. 20. XI. 12. By this it appears that it is impracticable to translate a Greek word everywhere by the same Hebrew word. The one χάρις for example comprehends the significations of του (John I. 17), Τη (Luk. I. 30) and τητα thanks (Rom. VI. 17).

The equivalent of λειτουργία in the sense of worship is פּבַּרָּדִּרָּם. g. Luk. I. 23 (different from בַּבְּרָדִּּרָם, the word for δουλεία); yet there are passages e. g. Hebr. VIII. 6 where it could not be used. There only שִּרְּבִּי was in place, the word that elsewhere e. g. 2 Cor. IX. 12 expresses the Greek διαχονία. Also this διαχονία cannot be always translated by the same word. The Hebrew name of the deacon is שִּבְּיִבְּיִ (Phil. I. 1 and 1 Tim.), of the deaconess שִּבְּיִבְּיִי (Rom. XVI. 1), the n. actionis שִּבְּיִי is employed Act. XII. 25 and even VI. 4 where בּבְּיִבְּיִ seemed not so suitable. So although the word שִּבְּיִ is employed for χόσμος in 1 John II. 15, in 1 John II. 16. 17 it seemed liable to misinterpretation. The principle, that, when the context and meaning is similar, uniformity ought to be carried through, has been from the first my standard. I fear however, that even in the fifth edition there still occurs some fluctuation in the rendering of certain words. Yet on the other

side the critic must beware of rashness and pedantry. Sometimes where no reason for the varying expression can be discovered, the translator may be guided by his exegetical or stylistic feeling, which asserts a claim to the acknowledgement of its relative right.

In closing I may refer to several passages, the translation of which has suggested weighty questions about Hebrew syntax. An opportunity is thereby afforded to make public some interesting portions of Professor Driver's correspondence, containing the results of his critical examination of the carlier editions.

Matth. II. 1 רְּבְּשׁלְּיְבְּה יְרִרּשְׁלְיְבְּה there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem. The biblical Hebrew says sometimes יְרִישְּׁלִיבְּה יִי רִינְּשְׁלִיבְּה but mostly the bare accusative יְרִישְׁלֵיבְה without the mark of direction. "I notice — S. R. Driver says — that in O. T. the names of places, especially well known ones, occur usually after verbs of motion without n locale; this I have observed particularly in the historical books". The observation is correct: accordingly the n locale in the later editions is employed only occasionally where clearness and rhythm seemed to demand it.



¹⁾ In one of his letters, concerning my Hebrew version of the Acts he says: "The instances of *Waw consec*. in answer to באשר, אבורי, ף etc. are very abundant in this book. Considering that this construction occurs (if I mistake not) not more than 4 times in Genesis,

Mark. IV. 33 And with many parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it. My friend proposed יַרַבֵּר and similarly יַרְבֵּר in v. 34 as idiomatically corresponding to the Greek ἐλάλει, ἢδύναντο, ἐλάλει. It is true, this synchronistic Imperfect is used by the old Hebrew especially to express that which one was wont to do (Iob I. 5) or what was done continuously (Ex. XXXIII. 9. XXXIV. 34). I have preferred however the perfect: 1) because יַרְבַּר in the sense of ἐλάλει occurs only with א preceding Josh. X. 12 or שֵׁי Hos. XII. 5; 2) because also the perfect can be used of an action begun in the past and continued Ex. XXXIII. 11. Ruth IV. 7. Ps. CXLIV. 8.

Mark. V. 39 רְבְבֹּאוֹ אָבֵר And when he was come in, he saith. In the two first editions I have rendered this הְבָּבֹאוֹ אָבָר, in the fourth הְבְּבֹאוֹ אָבִי, for in the Hebrew of the O. T. הְבְּבֹאוֹ אַבְּר to enter like הְבְּבֹאוֹ in the Hebrew of the Mishna. My friend proposed המא בְּאַ רוּהַאּ אָבִּר which I adopted in the third edition, but afterwards set it aside: 1) because the Greek בּוֹכבּאַלּשׁע אַבֹּר denotes both the actions as successive, not as simultaneous; 2) because it seemed advisable to be sparing with this antique scheme of temporal coincidence. I have accepted it e. g. Matth. XI. 7 (see above the remark on this passage).

once in Jud., 6 times in 1—2 Sam., would not once in three chapters be a sufficiently large allowance in the Acts? It seems to me that it is the tendency of the earlier Hebrew, in the case of temporal or causal clauses, which Greek often places early in a sentence, either a) to postpone them somewhat, or β) to prefix "קְּיִנְהְּיֵּ ; it is the later Hebrew, that is apt to introduce them at the beginning. Compare ad a) Gen. XIX. 16. XXXIV. 7. L. 17. Ex. XXX. 18. Jud. VIII. 3 with 2 Chron. XII. 7. XV. 8. XX. 20. XXIV. 25. XXVI. 16. 19b. XXXIII. 12. XXXIV. 14. Dan. X. 9. 11. 15. 19 and ad β) (כולותות) 2 Chr. VII. 1. XXIV. 14. XX. 23b. XXIX. 29. XXX. 1 against some 14 times in earlier books with ידי prefixed". This observation is keen; hence the disapproval was well founded. In the later editions, as I hope, the two constructions are proportionally mixed and alternating not only for the sake of variation, but according to the importance of the several facts within the historical narrative.

Matth, XXIV, 27 בן יהיה נם בואו של בן ארם so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. In the first edition I had left out this also (xai) of the Greek text. It is questionable whether it is better to translate it or to leave it untranslated. There are many cases, especially in the Gospels, where this question arises. On this point also we have corresponded. "I would like to know - my friend wrote me - whether, if Hebrew writers of O. T. could express fully what they wished to say without pa (after אשר or כן, it was needful always to represent verbally the xai: it seemed to be at times superfluous and make the sentence unidiomatic. Hebrews either felt the sense was complete without it (with Luk. XVII. 37, where &B exhibit xai oi άετοί and Elzev. only οἱ ἀετοί, comp. Job XXXIX. 30) or sometimes seem to have adopted a different mode of expression (with Matth. X. 4 ο καὶ παραδούς αὐτόν comp. Gen. XXXVII. 24. Ex. VI. 26 s.). Would not such a comparison for instance as Matth. XXIV. 27 have been felt to be complete by an O. T. author without the eas? The matter is worthy of attention. In general it must be said that the omission of the xai at times is allowable. The LXX add xai Deut. II. 21. VIII. 20. Is. LX. 13 al., where the Hebrew text runs without D3; hence vice versa it is permitted to the Hebrew translator to omit it sometimes where the Greek text has it." But the passage Matth. XXIV. 27 to which I have attached this remark, shows how difficult the decision is in some cases. It may seem inconsistent that I have left xai untranslated Luk. X. 39, but not likewise Matth. X. 4. Hebr. VII. 25. Even this little word renders the work of translation very difficult.

Luk. VI. 1 בְּרָהִי י לֶבֶר בֵּין הַקְּמְה וַיִּלְמְירָיוּ And it came to pass.. that he went through the corn-fields and his disciples plucked. The construction is like Gen. XLI. 1. Jewish readers often declared, that יַּבְּבֶּר ought to be written. But Prof. S. R. Driver in our correspondence on the Hebrew N. T. has rightly observed: "The schemes יַרְּהַר אַמֵּר בּוֹר אַמֵּר (e. g. Gen. XXII. 1) occur frequently in the Old Testa-

ment, no less than יהרה יי ויאמר דוד, might they not be employed, especially the first, more often than is the case, for the sake of variety?" I have made use of them in such passages, where the perfect after יהורי, followed by consecutive imperfect, denotes a preparatory fact, ou which the following rests. But not too often, because this classical construction makes a strange appearance to Jewish readers.

Luk. X. או בּרַרוּ בּרַרוּ But a certain Samaritan as he journeyed . . The first edition had rendered this an ישמרונר אחר וגר'. This 7x as equivalent of the Greek & was awkward; I had not yet freed myself from the unidiomatic manner of the London version, which is sadly marred by the abundant use of the κ in place of δέ. "I much doubt — S. R. Driver wrote me — if 7x is in place here? At least the earlier historical style would not have had recourse to it. Take all the passages in two or three books, given by Noldius, e. g. in the books of Genesis, Judges and Samuel: it is prefixed to single words as עשום, אך השעם, and it introduces a limitation upon some preceding clause. It also occurs more frequently in speeches than in the narrative, but hardly any - not even 1 Sam. XXIX. 9. 2 Sam. II. 10 — seem quite parallel to its use here". This is the fact. In the later editions these offensive are, I hope, all dropped out.

Besides these passages of the synoptic Gospels the following passages also have occasioned grammatical queries and researches, the result of which seems to be not unimportant. Indeed, if I should give all the passages and words which have been matter of inquiry and discussion, it would be difficult to come to an end. Many questions are not even yet quite satisfactorily solved.

Matth. XV. 9 (= Is. XXIX. 13b) לְחֹרוּל וְרְאָּבְּחְם אֹחִר but in vain do they worship me. The LXX read יְהִוּהְי instead of יַהְּהָּהְ And what follows רְּהִיהִים מְלַמְּיִרֶם מְלַמְּיִרְם נְּבְּרִיךְ מַלְּמִּירְ instead of יַּהְיִה joins closely to the Targum which has יְהַיִּהְי בְּּבְּרִיךְ מַלְּמִירְ fike ordinances of teaching men. LXX and Targum together bear here witness to a text different from the masoretic. I felt obliged to render the Hebrew text just as it lay before these ancient authorities. A similar case is Hebr. X. 5. In other places where the Greek

version does not necessarily presuppose a different text, e. g. Rom. IX. 28 = Is. X. 23 and Hebr. X. 30 = Deut. XXXII. 35 I have retained our received Hebrew text. Of course, the decision could sometimes but be precarious.

Luk. VI. 1 בשבת השנית לספירת הלמר. In the following editions I have removed these brackets, which indicated in the first, that the Sinaiticus (like the Vaticanus) has only ev σαββάτφ without δευτεροπρώτφ. The remark of the late Tischendorf: ut ab additamenti ratione alienum est, ita cur omiserint in promptu est seemes to me convincing. In the interpretation of this δευτεροπρώτω I agree with John Ligthfoot, understanding the first sabbath after the second Easter-day, or, as can also be said, the second sabbath after the day of offering the barley sheaf, which is the terminus a quo of the seven sabbaths (weeks) till Pentecost (Lev. XXIII. 15), consequently the second sabbath within ספררת העמר (the computation commencing from the Omer-offering). Instead בשבת the later editions have בשבת השנה, just as Luk. XXIII. 54 וחשבת האינה afterwards is changed into יחשבת האינה. name of the Sabbath is originally feminine, wherefore liturgically it is represented as the royal bride of Israel (comp. however Is. LVIII. 13). We have used it in the passages above mentioned as masculine conformably to Is. LVI. 2. 6 and the name of the Sabbath before Easter. Concerning the Pentecost, the expression Act. II. 1 εν τῷ συμπληροῦσθαι την ήμέραν της πεντεχόστης is very concise and not easily. translatable. I believe, the translation נימלאוּ חימים לחג השכנות (ed. IV. V) shall be satisfactory. The revisors of the English version have blotted out the word fully of the received text. But fully points back to complete Lev. XXIII. 15.

John IV. 31 שאל אוור disciples prayed him. The verb שאל occurs sometimes construed with the accusative of the thing begged for, but never with the accusative of the person, from whom one prays something. איש seq. accus. signifies ,to ask one; but ,to beseech one must be expressed

by שאל בְּן 1 Sam. VIII. 10 or שאל בָאָם Ps. II. 8. This rule is observed in the later editions.

- John VI. 27 אֲבֶּרוֹ הָאֵבְרוֹ הָאֵבְרוֹ הָאֵבְרוֹ הָאֵבְרוֹ הַאָּבְרוֹ for him the Father, God hath sealed. Thus the first edition, the following more accurately and clearly: פָּר בוֹ חָחָם חֹוְהָםוֹ אָבִיוֹ חִאָּבֹיִהִים, not without influence from the conjecture, which the renowned grammarian Moses Reichersohn at Wilna proposed to me that the Lord, comparing himself with heavenly meat, alludes to בַּחְבוֹם, which is the Pelestinian name of the baker as one who impresses certain marks upon his loaves.
- Act. VIII. 26. IX. 11 קרם רְבּוּד arise and go. The recopulative after pip ist not false (comp. 1 Sam. XXIX. 7), but contrary to the usage; the second imperative after pip follows without exception ἀσυνδέτως. Therefore from the second edition on the r is omitted.
- Act. X. 28 אָקֶם רְּלֶּהֶם אָּטֶּר אָסוּר הוּאּ ye yourselves know how that is an unlawful thing. From the second edition I have אָשֶׁר corrected to דָּי, because the biblical יודע ist mostly construed with ב, scarcely with אַשֶּׁר Ex. XI. 7. Deut. XVIII. 21. Eccl. VIII. 12. Ezek. XX. 26., and except the last passage always the word after אַשֶּׁר is a verb.
- Rom. XVI. 20 shall bruise בְּלֵבְּׁבְּׁ Satan under your feet. One might expect בְּשׁבְּי, for St. Paul's hope recalls the promise, which is interwoven in the curse of the serpent, and בְּשׁב, at least the first בְּשׁר, i signifies there ,to bruise like the targumic בְּשָׁ and בְּשׁר, by which the Hebrew בְּשֹׁר ist wont to be translated. Nevertheless I did not dare to employ this verb, though I would have used it, if the apostle had said συντρίψει τὴν κεφαλὴν τοῦ ὄφεως or only τὸν ὄφιν. In other passages the expression.

¹⁾ The second means, as many think, attack by blowing. Indeed שוק in the Palestinian dialect of the Aramaic language signifies ,to blow e. g. Bereschith rabba c. II: שרב רוח שריםא, even in sultry heat the wind blows (upon the water)".

- Gal. III. 16 לְלֹא אָמַר כֹּוֹ וּלְיְרְיּוֹתְיּרְהְ he saith not: (to thee) and (thy) seeds. The plural יְרְבִּיּוֹת is employed by the Talmud in similar arguments e. g. Sanhedrin 37b, and the collective ארת מוף appears similarly concentrated on ארתו הורע the one seed who shall arise from another place (Esth. IV. 14), that is, the king Messiah, in the Midrasch Ruth sect. VII extr. and often.
- Gal. IV. 22 (by the free woman) 26 (Jerusalem that is above is free). I have rendered באבטלבים in both verses by הַּשְּבְּיבָּים. But it is true, as may friend at Wilna has objected, that הַשְּבִּיבְים, in denotes a woman which is set free (in Aramaic בְּחִבּים, in Latin liberta), and that it is unsuitable so to name Sarah. For that reason בַּחִבְּיבִין (comp. Gal. III. 28. Hebr.) might be deemed preferable in Gal. IV. 22 sqq.
- Thess. IV. 14 בָּן יְבִרא הָאֵלְהִים עַּלֹ־יְדֵי יִשׁוּע בַּם אָח־הַיְשִׁיִּם God by Jesus bring with him. Prof. John J, Given (Londonderry) thinks this passage mistranslated and sadly marred through wrong connexion. The English version, the authorized as well as the revised, translates: which sleep in Jesus. But the Greek text says διὰ τοῦ Ἰησοῦ, which belongs to he will bring, because sleep through Jesus is an unexampled expression.
- 1 Tim. II. 5 one mediator between God and men. Here and Hebr. VIII. 6 the employment of the rabbinical בְּכִּילִי = μεσίτης could be dispensed with by imitating the circumlocution of Deut. V. 5. Ex. XVIII. 19. The modern Hebrew ventures to say בְּבָּעִבֶּי and even בִּבְּעֵבָּי, but these copies of the occidental

mediator are as repudiable as אָרֹשׁ תְבּרְנִיָּם said of Goliath, who proceeds between the Philistines and Israel to decide the war by single combat 1 Sam. XVII. 4. 23. As to סְרָסֹר, it is a noble word. The Talmud itself (jer. Megillu IV, 1) says: (the law is given by the hand of a mediator).

I subjoin here a list of forms, which occur in the first edition, but have disappeared in the following as grammatically incorrect or objectionable.

John XIX. 35 הַלְירָה he has borne witness, changed into (III. IV: הַּנְּבִיר), comp. הַשְּׁיבוֹ 1 Kings XIII. 20 and on the other hand לחשרבו Gen. XXXVII. 22 which is the pronunciation of the infinitive. — Acts XV. 14 (אלחים) σεβομένη (τὸν לבסי), rather ירָאָר Prov. XXXI. 30 like ירָאָר Ps. XXII. 29 — Acts XIX. 9 (מחם) ויסר he departed (from them), rather The imperf. consec. of Kal and of Hiphil have the same vowels, e. g. Ex. VIII. 27. Gen. VIII. 13 — Act. XXI. 5 בְּרֶבֶינוּ our knees after ברכוחר Dan. VI, 11 with aspirate Caph, but the corresponding Hebrew forms all have Dagesh: בַּרְבֶּר, בַּרְבֶּר, and only with grave suffix בְּרְכֵּיתָם — Act. XXII. 9 שׁמֵעה (at the end of the verse) they heard. The pausal form is always יחמנה — Rom. XIII. וממנה (last word of the verse) they are ordained. I have changed the Kamets into Pathach; the form Ez. XXVII. 19 (Kal with Dagesh affectuosum) is unconformable — 1 Cor. VI. 13 ברס belly. I have afterwards preferred בָּיֵשׁ (with Sîn after Jer. LI. 34) as warranted by the Syriac בּבָּש — 1 Cor. XI. 28 יְבְּחֹן let a man prove, better יבחר Ps. XI. 5 like יבחר – 2 Cor. XI. 21 אַניז רַנָּיז he is bold, I am bold, wrong instead of קונו Hiphil of קונו — Eph. VI. 15 וְרֵגְלִיכֵם מְנְצֵלִים and having shod your feet, erroneously for מִנְעַלוּת; the names of such organs as are double belong to the feminine nouns — 1 Tim. II. 9 מבחלפות with braided hair, altered into בּמְחַלְמוֹת מָהֹאָם after Judg. XVI. 13. 19; מולמות looks like a plural of מולמות knife Ezr. I. 9 — 1 Pet. III. 22 יחרשיות and authorities, better יחרשיות from

with stable Dagesh, see Brief an die Römer (1870) pag. 94 sq. — 2 Pet. I. 4 בְּהַבְּלְטְּכָם having escaped, misprint for מַקלי בְּהָ Apoc. XIV. בּהְלָּקְי בֹּח thy sickle from מַקלי מִקלי מִקלי from מַקלי from מַקלי מָקלי. In spite of that, though uncertain, I have afterwards written מַבָּלָּה.

The name of Tiberias John VI. 1. 23. XXI. 1 is written יְבִּבְּרָהְיִּר, because יְבִּבְּרָיָּה is the Babylonian form, הָיבְּרָיָּה the Palestinian; the final letter is sometimes א sometimes ה, but more often ה (see Levy's Dictionaries) — The name of the town 'Εφραίμ John XI. 54 could be transcribed שְּׁבְּרִיִּם like Menachoth 83b. 85 a, but σας ακοτίσης το 2 Chron. XIII. 19 seemed better as less exposed to misunderstanding — In place of אַפְּבְּרִיִּם צִּבְּרִיִּם צִּבְּרִיִּם μακ ἐπίτροποι Gal. IV. 2 I have written in the second and later editions אָפְּבְּרִים, the one form is as unobjectionable as the other, both are used in the talmudic language — I have left unaltered בְּבְּרִבִּין מַבְּרִבְּיִם The plural הַּבְּבְּרִבְּיִ מַבְּרָבִין Constr. הַּיְבִּיוֹן (Constr. הַּיְבִיוֹן, בּיִבְּיִן Constr. הַּיְבִין, בּיִבְּיִן Constr. הַּיְבִין בּיִבְּיִן בּיִבְּיִן בּיִבְּיִן בּיִבְּיִבְּיִן בּיִבְּיִן בּיִבְּיִן בּיִבְּיִן בּיִבְּיִן בּיִבְּיִבְּיִן בּיִבְּיִן בּיִבְּיִין בּיִבְּיִן בּיִבְּיִן בּיִבְּיִין בּיִבְּיִן בּיִבְּיִין בּיִבְיִין בּיִבְּיִן בּיִבְּיִין בּיִבְּיִן בּיִבְּיִין בּיִבְּיִין בּיִבְּיִין בּיִבְּיִין signifies classes and הַּיִבְּיִבְּיִן (from the same singular בְּיִבְיִבְיִבְּיִבְּיִבְ signifies litigations (schisms), see Tosefta (ed. Zuckermandel) pag. 321 lin. 1.

I was not susprised, when my sharp-sighted critic in Oxford after the perusal of the first edition imposed upon a translator higher obligations than he found there fulfilled. .. Hebrew as we have it in O. T. - thus he wrote me - being in certain points a more limited language than Greek, and only able sometimes to express with difficulty what Greek can do with ease and lightness, does it not seem to you, that to translate a phrase word for word results at times in a sentence, which sounds slightly heavy and unnatural? In a piece of historical narrative, or a speech, it seems to me that in such cases we should endeavour to translate the phrase as a whole, to frame a sentence idiomatically, which, though it may not in every detail correspond to the Greek, shall still, taken altogether, express accurately the whole idea which the writer intends to To translate S. Luke into Hebrew does not appear to me to be quite the same thing as to translate him into English or German; it is more like making an idiomatic translation of a piece of Plato or Thucydides. I notice you have allowed yourself the practice sometimes: might it be a little extended? I should of course not suggest it in the case of any technical or dogmatic term, where verbal exactness is evidently of primary consequence. would it not also often secure as a collateral advantage - not unimportant, even in the Acts - a style more resembling that of O. T., in being at once more compressed and more antique?" Briefly, my friend demands more liberty from the letter, more compliance towards the genius of Hebrew. I acknowledge the right of this plus ultra, but appeal at once to the ultra posse nemo

obligatur. Two instances may show what I mean. The sentence Matth. X. 10 the workman is worthy of his food is translated דר הפעל די מחית: Thereto my reviser remarked: "I do not criticize the exactness of the rendering, but would only ask whether for such a spruchartiger Satz" some equivalent more in the pointed style of the old משל might not be found without the use of such a word as mis of the book of Esther? The stress appears to lie in the general principle of human conduct appealed to by our Lord, rather than in the special word ἄξιος." Indeed that πμ as not classical displeases me, but I do not know how to avoid it, for would signify that each labourer receives his food, but not that he is worthy to receive it. Similarly the rendering of the synoptic therefore we shall receive the greater condemnation (Matth. XXIII. 14. Mark. XII. 40. Luk. XX. 47) by לכן does not satisfy me, and revising the text of the fourth edition I have pondered, whether that rendering might be improved in any way, yet having exhausted all possibilities I saw myself thrown back upon the translation hitherto given. If I had the choice between a classical, but too free version, and a less classical, but more faithful one, I would give the preference to the latter, because it is much more important, to preserve the originality of the divine word than to level it in favour of a more genuine Hebrew shape. The spirit of the N. T. has created for itself its own peculiar form of thinking and speaking, and the N. T. writers, especially St. Paul and St. John, have their own style. I was anxious not to withhold from the Jewish readers the impression of these peculiarities, even where the form is stiff, monotonous and unpleasing, for in the Holy scripture as the earthly vessel of heavenly thoughts and directions all is as much human as divine. We are not permitted to make the human form of the N. T. more beautiful than it is. I know, in this point my friend agrees with me. And I willingly grant him that I may have sacrificed regularity or elegance to fidelity in several places where both could be united. I am far from presuming that I have realized the ideal. A true and satisfactory version of the N. T. is a thing of the

future, and only will be produced, when the new Thora of the Gospel has been received into its heart of hearts by the regenerated remnant of Israel.

A friend of mine does not cease to entreat me to translate the New Testament into the Aramaic idiom which was spoken in Palestine in the days of Christ and his apostles, that is, into the language of the Palestinian Talmud and the Palestinian Targums. But his desire rests on an illusion. The Hebrew remained even after the exile the language of Jewish literature. The Ecclesiasticus of Jesus Sirach was written in Hebrew, as its fragments in the Talmud show. The original of the first book of Maccabees and of the so called Psalter of Solomon was Hebrew. The inscriptions on coins, the epitaphs, the liturgic prayers were Hebrew. The form of the laws was Hebrew, as appears from their codification in the Also the book, in which, as Papias says, Matthew had collected the sermons of the Lord, was written έβραΐδι διαλέκτφ. It is true, that in that time έβραϊστί and γαλδαϊστί were not accurately distinguished. Nevertheless it is quite unlikely that Matthew wrote in Aramaic; for the Aramaic dialect of Palestine which in the Talmud is called orrow, and there and in the Targums can be better learned than from the so called Evangeliarium *Hierosolymitanum* and the fragments of a Palestinian version of Psalms, published by J. P. N. Land (Lugduni Bat. 1875) — was the language of daily life, the vulgar language. in which the people and also the learned were wont to converse and to hold controversies, but ή Εβραΐς διάλεατος, in which St. Paul was accosted by the exalted Saviour Act, XXVI, 14 and in which he himself addressed the people of Jerusalem Act. XXI. 40. XXII. 2. was the holy language, the language of the temple worship, of synagogical and domestic prayer, of all formulas of benediction, of the traditional law; further the parables, the animal fables, the lamentations for the dead in the Talmuds and Midrashim are

mostly Hebrew; the holy language continued to be the language of the higher form of speech, even the popular proverbs were only partly Aramaic. Josephus, stating in the Preface of his work on the Jewish war, that his narrative was originally drawn up for his compatriots of inner Asia in the common mother-tongue, certainly means the Hebrew, not the Aramaic language. Knowledge of Hebrew was then as now universal among the educated of the nation. Aramaic, on the contrary, was understood only by a small part of the Diaspora. Even now knowledge of Hebrew is much the more general, whereas acquaintance with the idiom of the so called Talmud Jerushalmi is a prerogative of very few Jewish scholars. Therefore it would be a useless attempt to translate the New Testament into the Palestinian Sursi. The Shemitic woof of the New Testament Hellenism is Hebrew, not Aramaic. Our Lord and his apostles thought and spoke for the most part in Hebrew. And the New Testament, as the new Thora, the completive half of God's revelation, must be translated into Hebrew; if we intend to make it a reading book for the Jews of all countries and a constituent part of the worship of the future Israel, who shall be saved after the entering in of the fulness of the Gentiles. The translation into Aramaic would be an artificial work, not without relative advantage — for it would exhibit in the New Testament language some features of the vernacular dialect of Palestine — but without practical aim. A proof of its restricted utility is the little help, which the Peschito affords to the Hebrew translator.1

The project of a version of the N. T. in the Targumic idiom is in some degree favoured by John I. 1. Prof. Driver remarks regarding my translation of this overture to the fourth Gospel: "The rendering of $\lambda \acute{\sigma} \gamma o \varsigma$ has doubtless been well weighed. I wish that it were possible to employ the "" in some way or other. Would not that term have the advantage of suggesting to the



¹⁾ I mean help in finding the intended or equivalent shemitic phrases; for as regards the Palestinian form of proper names, the Aramaic versions of the New Testament are entirely useless: they transcribe slavishly the Greek forms.

Jewish reader associations analogous to, if not identical with, those suggested by λόγος to the Greek? מיברא, unlike דבר (if I mistake not), but like λόγος, would be a significant word, having a previous history to which to attach itself and which gives it its meaning." Nevertheless after careful deliberation I have rendered horos by הבר, because the Word not only as mediator of the world's creation and conservation is called 727 Ps. XXXIII. 6. CXLVII. 18. but also as mediator of salvation Ps. CVII. 20. Is. LV. 10 sq. For some time I thought of הַמַּאָבֶר as an equivalent of בִּיבֶרָא, but I rejected it, because the Hebrew of the Mishna and its age knows only as denoting the word of command, by which the world arose e. g. Aboth V. 1. Even הדבשר I did not like, for it is a postbiblical word, and yet it was of great importance to obviate the opinion, that the Logos was an invention of Stoic and Alexandrian philosophy, and not, as it is really the case, rooting and already germinant in the O. T. Certainly the Logos, more and more acknowledged as a divine hypostasis, which partakes of God's personality, is ordinarily called רבור e.g. in the Midrash to Cant. II. 13a: תרבור מדבר עם משה the Word spoke with Moses. And in the Palestinian Targum the word as revealer of God and as God himself in his revelation bears besides the name מימרא also the name הבלא or קבלא (see Levy's Targumic Dictionary). But even these synonymous terms lead to קבר as the word really corresponding, especially in regard to such passages as 1 John I. 1 where only הבר חומים, neither מאמר nor הבר is suitable.

Finally I cannot forbear to mention a New Testament term by which Jewish readers are offended, as I have heard from many sides. It is known that our Lord is wont to confirm his sentences by opening them with ἀμήν, in the Gospel of St. Matthew thirty times with ἀμήν λέγω, in the Gospel of St. John twenty five times with ἀμήν ἀμήν λέγω ὑμῖν. I have translated it in the Synoptics by אַבֵּן אָבֵּן אָבֵּן אָבֵּן אָבֵּן אָבֵּן אָבֵּן אָבֵּן אָבֵן אָבֵּן אָבֵן אָבֵן אָבֵן אָבֵן אָבֵן אָבֵן אָבֵן אָבֵן אָבֵן אָבַן אָבֵן אָבֵן אָבֵן אָבֵן אָבַן אָבַן אַבָּן אַבּין אַבָּן אַבּן אַבָּין אַבּן אַבּן אַבּן אַבּן אַבּן אַבּן אַנְיּין אַבָּן אַבָּין אַבּין אַבּין אַנָּין אַבּין אַבּין

entirely foreign as much to the biblical as to the postbiblical style and has not its like in the whole Jewish literature. However it would be inconsiderate and arbitrary to remove this anomaly in favour of stylistic regularity and elegance. For if every great man has his own style, how much more the greatest of all! His manner of speaking contains much hitherto unheard of, for instance that he calls himself the Son of Man, which is infinitely different from ההוא נברא, by which in the vernacular language of that time the speaker designated himself. This אמן also was a new and peculiar expression in the mouth of our Lord. Speaking the dialect of the people he began his solemn speeches with אַמֶּד אָמֶדנא ילכון, in Hebrew אמן אני אמר לכם, not ממר לכם, because this order of the words obliterates the significant alliteration, which St. John intends to imitate by doubling the 32.2 I am persuaded, that the name δ Άμήν, which is given to Christ Revel. III. 14 alludes to the oft repeated autiv of the incomparable master.

Charles Dickens wrote to his son, as he was about to undertake a journey: "I have put a New Testament among your books, because it is the best book, which the world has known and will ever know".³ In truth, it is the best in every respect. What a fullness and depth of contents this small volume encloses, its like is not to be found among the literatures of mankind. And every dispassionate inquirer must allow, that Jesus Christ, who is the centre of this book, has created a new era of human history. The root of Jesse has become the root of a new world. Even those, who deny His Messiahship, are not without a share in some fruits of his redemption. But it shall come to pass in the last days, that

¹⁾ In Sursi the speaker says ברא (ההיא אהוא) not only of himself, but also of the person addressed; consequently this phrase is of no use to explain the self-denomination of our Lord by δ υίδς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου Matth. VIII. 20 etc.

²⁾ See No IX of my Talmudic Studies in Lutherische Zeitschrift 1856 p 422—424 and No II of my "Traces of the vernacular tongue in the Gospels" in The Hebrew Student (Chicago), Dec. 1882 p. 104—105.

³⁾ Translated back from the German.

they shall acknowledge Him whom they have so long despised. Israel will then become confessor and interpreter and apostle of the New Testament, and the new Thora, which is gone forth out of Zion, will then be gloriously transfigured into the holy tongue. Jacob shall then take root, Israel shall blossom and bud and fill the face of the world with fruit. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be but life from the dead! — O house of Jacob, come ye and let us walk in the light of the Lord and his Christ! Their light is one, light of the only One, the heavenly source of life, as Christ has said: This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

APPENDIX.

- A list of essays and notices of F. D., more or less closely connected with the translation work.
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 - VI. Brief an die Römer ibid. p. 11-17.
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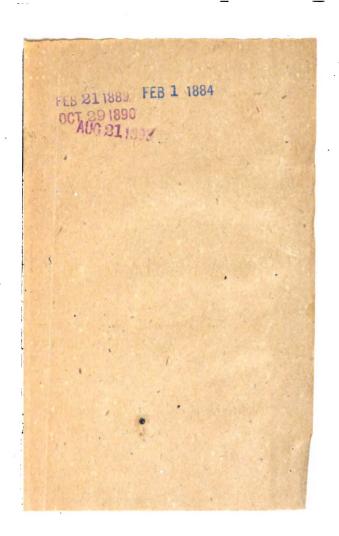
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